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In re Application of)
Sun-Taek SHIM et al.)
Application No. 09/ 893,973) Group Art Unit: 1761
Filed: June 29, 2001) March 18, 2003
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
HYGIENICALLY PREPARING)
DRIED PEPPER BY)
CONTINUOUS STERILIZATION)
AND DRYING PROCESSES)

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the requirement for restriction
mailed March 18, 2003 as follows:

Applicant elects the claims of Group I, namely claims
1-12 drawn to a method.

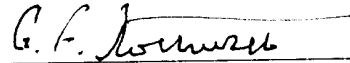
This election is made without traverse and without
prejudice to later filing a divisional application on the
non-elected claims.

Applicant looks forward to an examination on the merits
of the elected claims.

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